

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education**  
**October 12, 2015**  
**Tobey Elementary – 7 pm**  
**MINUTES**

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Members Present: Emmert, Schriemer, Harsha, Forsyth, Callen, Lohman, Knowles  
Secretary Karen Hill

Administrators Present: Charles Glaes, Stephen Goss, Mike Barwegen, Ruth Hook, Maureen Ouvry, Amie McCaw, Gail VanDaff, Matt VanDussen, Adam Brush, Laura Kuhlman, Keevin O'Neill, Tonya Nash,

Guests Present: Kelly MacDonell, Steve Thomas, Kim Armitage, Alyssa Thompson, Lucia Dalla, Linda Lane

**I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Recognitions:**

1. National School Lunch Week: October 12-16 "Wild about school lunch!" - Maureen Ouvry: Mrs. Ouvry informed the Board about school lunch week and that a Dietetic Intern from WMU is working with the district.
2. Michigan Principal's Month - Charlie Glaes: Supt. Glaes read the Governor's Proclamation explaining why principals are special and important to student success. The Board acknowledged and thanked the principals for their dedication.

Items 3-6. Principal Mike Barwegen made the following recognitions.

3. Tobey PTO - Playground Improvements - Mike Barwegen
  - a. Softball Field: Dan Brown, Greg Thomas, James Bailey, Blaine Bailey
  - b. Playground Equipment Improvement: James Krietner, Brian Yost
  - c. Planetarium Show and Playground Improvements: PNC – Nicole Androsky
4. Tobey Teaching Staff - Reading Renaissance National Honor Roll - Mike Barwegen
5. Tobey PTO - Mike Barwegen
  - a. President - Renee Hawkins
  - b. Vice President – Janelle Weesner
  - c. Treasurer - Dan Brown
  - d. Secretary – Kelly Daniels
6. Tobey Parent Advisory Committee - Mike Barwegen
  - a. Kate Emmerich, Angie Byrne, Nicole Androsky, Karen Russon, James Krietner

- B. October 7, 2015 Count Figures: The count came in at 2,669.97. K-12 was up 15 students compared to last year. The WAY program dropped from 102 to 83, due in part to the large number of recent graduates plus a continued growth in the number of alternative education offerings in Kalamazoo. The total count is down 3.51 FTE from last October.
- C. Local Housing Assistance Fund Millage: Supt. Glaes requested approval of a resolution in support of the Local Housing Assistance Fund Millage which will be on the November ballot. The millage would create a fund which would provide temporary financial housing assistance and support services that lays the groundwork for ongoing housing stability for homeless families with school-age children throughout Kalamazoo County. The millage will provide assistance for an estimated 100 families annually. There are families within Vicksburg Community Schools who could use this support, and Mr. Glaes urged the Board to approve the resolution later on the agenda.
- D. Legislative Update: Supt. Glaes reported there is movement on 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading in the legislature. Board members were asked to review packet information and keep in touch with legislators.
- E. Important Dates: Guests were directed to the listing of important dates including the MSBOA Marching Band Festival.

## II. REPORT AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

- A. Community Education Annual Report - Tonya Nash: Ms. Nash highlighted the 30<sup>th</sup> Year of the Vicksburg Tumbling and Dance Program which has approximately 400 student participants each year. Dawn Simpson and three students displayed dance costumes. Alyssa Thompson, Indian Lake GSRP Program Lead Teacher, was also present to explain student scores and growth comparisons in our expanded (three classrooms, five full days per week) GSRP program.
- B. Business and Finance Report - Steve Goss
  1. Budget Report: Asst. Supt. Goss reported that five bids were received for State Aid Borrowing. RFPs were sent to as many banks as possible. The award was based on the lowest bid which and went to Macatawa Bank at 0.93% for \$850,000 for six months.

Asst. Supt. Goss reviewed the budget progress report for September, 2015 showing total revenues of \$1,410,674; total expenditures of \$3,003,166; and deficiency of revenues over expenditures of -\$1,592,492.
  2. Bond Update: Mr. Goss reported that most of the bond items in this series have been completed. The shift has focused to next year's projects. We will be issuing next round of bonds (series 2 or 3) next summer.
- C. ***Be a Superhero!*** - Tobey Instructional Report - Mike Barwegen: Mr. Barwegen presented Tobey's Strategic Plan: Ensuring All Students Learn, Building a Collaborative Culture, and Establishing a Focus on Results.

D. Audience: No one wished to address the Board on a non-agenda item.

### III. BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

#### A. Approval of the Following Meeting Minutes

1. September 11, 2015 - Special Meeting Open Session: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Lohman to approve the September 11, 2015 special meeting open session minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
2. September 11, 2015 - Special Meeting Closed Session: A motion was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth to approve the September 11, 2015 special meeting closed session minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. September 14, 2015 - Regular Meeting: A motion was made by Forsyth to approve the September 14, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
4. September 21, 2015 - Work Session: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth to approve the September 21, 2015 work session minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

#### B. Approval of the Following General Fund Invoices for a Total of \$305,632.11 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Lohman and supported by Forsyth for approval of the following general fund invoices for a total of \$305,632.11.

Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. September 2, 2015 = \$5,750.00
2. September 11, 2015 = \$107,722.04
3. September 25, 2015 = \$192,160.07

#### C. Approval of Payment of Purchase Card Disbursements for August 2015 in the Amount of \$47,329.21 - ROLL CALL VOTE: A motion was made by Schriemer and supported by Callen for approval of payment of purchase card disbursements for August 2015 in the amount of \$47,329.21.

Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

#### D. Approval of the Following Teacher Contract Upon Results of State and Federal Record and Unprofessional Conduct Check: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman for approval of the following teacher contract upon results of state and federal record and unprofessional conduct check.

Ayes: Emmert, Harsha, Schriemer, Callen, Forsyth, Lohman, Knowles

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried unanimously.

1. Amy Dunn – School Psychologist at the Middle and High Schools. MA+15 Step 13

E. Approval of the Following Field Trips: A motion was made by Emmert and supported by Forsyth for approval of the following field trips. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Approval of EFE Hotel, Restaurant & Travel Management Program trip to Disney World from February 25 - 29, 2016. All costs to be paid by students.
2. Approval of Film Class Trip to Italy from April 1-9, 2016. All costs to be paid by students.

F. Approval of Homeless Family Resolution: A motion was made by Forsyth and supported by Lohman for approval of the Homeless Family Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further to come before the Board, President Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:57 pm.

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President Virgil Knowles

Date: November 9, 2015

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Secretary Karen Hill